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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE  
INTERCONNECTS, METHODS FOR  
MAKING SAME, AND SEMICONDUCTOR  
DEVICES INCLUDING SAME

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application on the merits, entry of the amendments as set forth herein is respectfully solicited.